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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020, at 11 a.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. O'HALLERAN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 26, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM O'HALLERAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Capitol Worship, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, a certain Samaritan, finding a stranger by the roadside beaten and robbed, without hesitancy, put him upon his donkey, carried him to an inn, and charged the keeper, saying: "Take care of him; and whatever you spend extra, I will come again tomorrow and repay you."

Lord, thank You, always, for the opportunities to do good; to bring healing and restoration to the sick, the dying, and the suffering.

Let us not love in word only, but with unselfish actions, just like the Samaritan, expecting nothing in return.

We pray, give wisdom to our President, the leaders of this House and Senate, to act in unity, for a threefold cord is not easily broken.

Let us give liberally, as wise and prudent stewards, whereby the world will know we are the children of God.

Let us bind the brokenhearted, lift up the fallen, and let those who fear put their trust in the Lord.

I pray these things in Jesus' name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 891, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 26, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II

of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 26, 2020, at 10:23 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S.3587.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 748.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3504.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4771.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, March 27, 2020, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4172. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-262, "Office of Resilience and Recovery Establishment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4173. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-263, "Office on Caribbean Affairs Establishment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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4174. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-264, "Strengthening Reproductive Health Protections Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4175. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-265, "Collective Bargaining Fair Compare Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4176. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-259, "Games of Skill Consumer Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4177. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-260, "CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4178. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-261, "Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4179. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-254, "Supporting Essential Workers Unemployment Insurance Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4180. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-255, "Credit Union Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4181. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-256, "Legitimate Theater Sidewalk Cafe Authorization Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4182. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-257, "The National League of American Pen Women Real Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4183. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-258, "Freedom Forum, Inc. Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself and Mr. THORNBERRY) (both by request):

H.R. 6395. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ROY, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 6396. A bill to provide tax and regulatory relief and health care flexibility to individuals and businesses affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Energy and Commerce, Small Business, the Judiciary, Financial Services, Veterans' Affairs, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CILLLINE, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HIMES, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. STANTON, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. BASS, and Mr. CROW):

H.R. 6397. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Ms. PORTER, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. FRANKEL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. COX of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. POCAN, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. KILMER):

H.R. 6398. A bill to provide for the expedited procurement of equipment needed to combat COVID-19 under the Defense Production Act of 1950; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 6399. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to ensure the supply of certain medical articles essential to national defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Ms. BASS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. RICHMOND, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Mr. TED LIEU of California):

H.R. 6400. A bill to require the release of certain individuals in the custody of the United States because of their risk of exposure during a national emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 6401. A bill to prohibit Members of Congress from purchasing or selling certain investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEVIN of Michigan:

H.R. 6402. A bill to provide State and local workforce systems flexibility and financial support to respond to the COVID-19 national emergency; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. RYAN, and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama):

H.R. 6403. A bill to establish the Innovation and Startups Equity Investment Program in the Department of the Treasury, through which the Secretary of the Treasury shall allocate money to certain States to assist high-potential scalable startups access venture capital to commercialize innovations, create jobs, and accelerate economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 6404. A bill to extend the deadline for States to meet the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 due to COVID-19; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 6405. A bill to direct the President, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, to develop and carry out a strategy to seek reimbursement from the People's Republic of China of funds made available by the United States Government to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. YOHO (for himself and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 6406. A bill to require personal protective equipment to be included in the strategic national stockpile, and to require the Federal Government to procure such equipment from United States sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. YOHO (for himself, Mr. BERA, and Mr. CHABOT):

H. Res. 910. A resolution commending the people of Taiwan on holding free and fair democratic presidential and legislative elections, and congratulating Madame Tsai Ing-wen on her re-election to the presidency of Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 6395.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress "to provide for the common Defence", "to raise and support Armies", "to provide and maintain a